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Section 2, Amendment to Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 3, line 18 after "vertical" please correct the spelling of "bonds" to read - - bends - -;

Page 6, line 9 please delete "rectangular" and insert - - square - -;

5 Page 7, line 1, after "square", please delete "or rectangular"

The first correction is merely typographical. Support for the correction of "rectangular" on page 6 to read "square" is found on page 7, line 1 and in Figures 3 - 7. The corresponding replacement paragraphs read as follows:

Page 3:

10 "The present invention is directed to a hand operable bending apparatus that may be used for bending relatively thin walled stock directly at the job site. The apparatus is mounted to an existing vise used at the job site to secure stock to be installed into a pipe or tubing system. The bending apparatus includes a base member which carries a die for shaping the stock when a bending handle of the device is traversed through an arc thereby imparting a particular bend angle on the stock. The base includes an orienting block or member that is secured in the vise. The orienting member has a shape which complements the shape of the surfaces on the vise that contact the orienting member. A vise typically has a stationary jaw and a movable jaw which is movable to and away from the stationary jaw for securing the workpiece. Accordingly, the orienting member has a shape which complements the particular configuration of the vise so that the orienting member is rigidly held within the vise. The shape of the orienting member is also configured so that the bending apparatus is aligned to produce precise horizontal or vertical bends. Thus, a user of the tool can easily make a desired vertical or horizontal bend without having to realign the workpiece after it is secured in the bending apparatus, and otherwise does not have to exert additional effort in aligning the workpiece to achieve a desired bend."

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30 Referring to Fig. 2, the bending apparatus 110 of the present invention is illustrated. Apparatus 110 includes a support extension or handle 112, a bending handle 114, and a connecting member or plate 116 that is at least pivotally mounted to the support 112. An arcuate die 118 is incorporated on the support 112, and includes a

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channel 120 which receives the workpiece to be manipulated. The support 112 further includes a locking member 124 that may be rotated between a disengaged position as shown in Fig. 2, to a locked or engaged position as shown in Fig. 3 to secure a workpiece to be bent. The bending handle 114 further includes an engaging portion 126 having an arcuate engaging surface or channel 128 that contacts the workpiece during bending. The bending handle 114 may extend perpendicular or orthogonally with respect to the channel 128 of engaging portion 126. Optionally, a handle grip (not shown) may also be incorporated on the free end of the handle 114. An index mark 136 may be placed on the engaging portion 126 thereby providing the user with an indication as to the degree to which the workpiece has been bent by aligning the mark 136 with the corresponding degree marking 137. An offset section 140 connects to the support 112. An orienting member or block 142 attaches to the offset section 140. The orienting member 142 has a square shaped cross-section that matches or complements the shape of the jaws of a vise, as discussed further below.

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As shown in the enlarged Fig. 4, the stationary jaw having the v-shaped engaging surfaces 152 contacts the adjacent v-shaped exterior surfaces 143 of the orienting member 142. When looking at Fig. 4 in cross-section, the orienting member 142 has an opposing pair of v-shaped exterior surfaces 143 thereby giving the orienting member 142 a generally square cross sectional shape. The v-shaped or arcuate engaging surfaces 156 of the movable jaw assembly need not be an exact complementary shape for contacting the surfaces 143 so long as there is at least some curvature in the surfaces 156 to increase the surface area in contact with the surfaces 143. Thus, the vise 150 can adequately secure the orienting member so that it will not rotate or otherwise shift during use.

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End of Section 3, Amendment to Specification.